

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 remain pending in this application. Claim 7 has been amended.

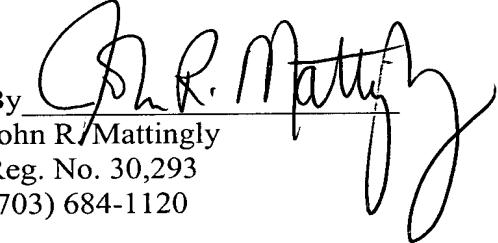
Accordingly, the remaining claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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